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Madcap bed push raises funds to save young lives



Teams get ready to put their backs into the uphill hospital course that awaits

By Matthew Brown

THE lives of around 200 babies in North Hampshire could be saved thanks to a charity bed push around the perimeter of Basingstoke Hospital.

Made up of four people pushing and one person sitting on the bed, 10 teams took part in the event, which involved pushing the heavy hospital beds around the 0.67-mile perimeter in aid of the North Hampshire Medical Fund (NHMF).

Judith Charmer, fund manager at NHMF, said: "It was really fun, really good, no hiccups, everybody really enjoyed it. Everybody thought it was a little harder than they thought pushing the bed up the hill, but the effort

people put in their fancy dress and dressing their beds was outstanding."

The teams competed against each other in a time trial and started from the hospital's bottom car park and almost straightway, the teams came up against an incline.

For the second year running, Basingstoke Hospital's physiotherapy department finished the course in the quickest time of four minutes, 34 seconds, shaving around 30 seconds from their winning time of just over five minutes last year.

The Flintstones received the best-dressed prize.

NHMF are hoping to raise between £4,000 to £5,000 from the bed push for the charity fund, which provides equipment to Basingstoke, Andover and Winchester Hospitals.

This year, the charity is planning to buy 10 pieces of equipment and needs to raise around £497,000, but has brought some of it already.

Judith said: "We buy cutting-edge equipment for the hospitals and the money raised will probably go towards buying three scanners which will save the lives of 200 babies each year."

"It means we're attracting the best staff and our patients benefit two-fold as they get the best staff to look after them and also the best equipment."

The scanners show abnormalities in babies in the womb such as cardiac and respiratory problems, ensuring the child and mother can get the best treatment at birth.



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Fears voiced over bid for M3 service station

By Matthew Brown

PROPOSALS for a new M3 service station near to Basingstoke have been met with concerns from a countryside protection group.

Moto Hospitality Ltd wants to build the service station at Junction 6 of the M3 and has launched a public consultation on the project.

But the Hampshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) fears the development would have a major impact on the surrounding environment.

Trustee Edward Dawson said: "We remain concerned about the proposed development and the damaging effect on the historic Hackwood Park and its Grade I registered gardens."

"Few people will think that another service station will be necessary along this stretch of motorway, given the proximity of Fleet and Winchester services."

"CPRE always keeps an open mind and will attend the public exhibitions but feels



An artist's impression of the new Moto service station off the M3

such a proposal will not be welcome locally."

Moto is Britain's biggest service area operator with 45 locations across the country, employing 5,000 staff.

The company forecasts that the proposed Basingstoke services would create 215 jobs.

Mark Franks, Moto's property director, said: "This proposed service area will provide an important rest stop for what

is a major route. In addition to providing that much needed facility, our plans will bring many new jobs as well as helping to secure investment in the local economy."

"We are delighted to consult with the people of Basingstoke and look forward to hearing their thoughts on the plans."

Basingstoke residents wishing to have their say on the proposals can attend two public

events scheduled for next week.

The first is on Monday (July 3) at the Queen Mary Hall at the college in Cliddesden Road between 4.30pm and 8pm.

A second consultation will take place in Festival Place on July 5 from 9am until 7pm.

A pop-up kiosk will be set up near the customer service desk in the shopping centre. Alternatively, go to moto-basingstokeservices.com.

Technology that helps elderly wins new award

PIONEERING technology that allows vulnerable people in Hampshire to stay safe and well while living independently has received its fourth national award.

The technology is able to remind people when to take medication, and includes movement sensors and GPS tracking devices for elderly people at risk of getting lost.

Hampshire County Council and the PA Consulting Group-led Argenti Telehealthcare Partnership scooped the Municipal Journal award for Delivering Better Outcomes at a recent awards ceremony.

Cllr Liz Fairhurst, the county council's executive member for adult health and social care, said: "Hampshire continues to lead the way in pushing

the boundaries in the world of assistive technology."

"Working closely with our telecare partners, we have been able to support many thousands of people to continue living in their own homes, in ways we could never of imagined a few short years ago."

"As demand for adult social care soars, so technology will play an even greater role in

helping vulnerable people."

Use of this technology by more than 8,000 county council clients has saved the authority £4.7million over three years.

Steve Carefull, PA Consulting director, said: "Our work with the council is industry leading, and we are proud of the role we are playing in helping the authority to deliver more with shrinking resources."

News Bites

DofE proves a valuable lesson

HAMPSHIRE: Young people in Hampshire, including one Basingstoke teenager, have proved that they are a little more adventurous than their contemporaries elsewhere in the South East.

Around 69 per cent of young people in Hampshire completed their Duke of Edinburgh award, compared to 57 per cent across the rest of the region.

Ryan Niezgoda, 17, who is working on his gold award at the Basingstoke Open Centre, said taking part in the DofE awards had been one of the most valuable achievements he has accomplished.

He said: "From completing bronze to gold DofE, I have learned valuable lessons, throughout the journey."

"Not only do I know how to map read, I can work as part of a team, effectively, to achieve our goal."

"Helping out with the community youth groups and at my local DofE centre, I have passed knowledge on, learned to adapt my social skills, and expanded my knowledge further."

Page mix-up

WHOOOPS: Copies of last week's Basingstoke Observer mistakenly included a couple of pages from our sister title, the Newbury & Thatcham Observer.

We apologise for any confusion caused. The missing stories can be found at our website basingstokeobserver.co.uk.

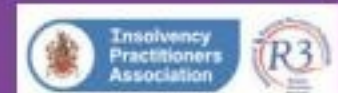
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Sports festival celebrates 25 years of twinning link

By Matthew Brown

A LONG-standing friendship between Basingstoke's German twin town of Euskirchen is celebrating its 25th anniversary this weekend.

Around 200 visitors from Germany between the ages of 10 and 75 are due to arrive in Basingstoke today, and they will stay with host families until Sunday as part of the Festival of Sport.

Twinning chairman Kevin Laing said: "It's very good, I went out to Euskirchen 25 years ago and set the whole thing up and it's really good that after all of these years it's still happening."

"It's unique because most towns have just a civic group go over but we take hundreds of people."

"I now speak with adults that went when they were children and they all look back with very fond memories and there are some really long-standing friendships."

The guests from Euskirchen, a town in the Rhineland near to the cities of Köln and Bonn, will be taking in a raft of activities



Young people from Basingstoke have forged strong friendships with Euskirchen through their mutual interests in sports

during their stay. Each sports club and school host their opposite number and will involve their guests in visits and sports days, where the scores count towards a trophy, presented to the winning side.

As well as this, there will also be trips to London and the seaside as the nearest coast to

Euskirchen is a five-hour drive to the Baltic Sea.

Kevin added: "Our guests can't wait."

"It's the biggest event we've ever had, we've got five full coach loads coming over plus the civic party who are flying."

"These exchanges give children experience to European

life, to experience something different."

"They've gone away without mum and dad and it creates so many good memories and we just want to continue it."

For Kevin, the exchange has a wider message, one of cooperation and friendship:

He said: "When the five

coaches pull in, there's lots of hugs and that's what this is all about in this day and age, it's real twinning and everybody enjoys it."

"It symbolises work with our European partners, we should be working together and understanding each other and this breaks all the barriers down."

News Bites

Festival of arts

WHITCHURCH: Welcome in July at the Test Fest on Saturday.

The festival, at Testbourne School, features drama and dance performances as well as fun and games, refreshments and a barbecue.

Students will also be performing music before they leave for a tour to Lake Garda in Italy.

The festival runs from mid-day until 4pm and admission is £4 for adults and £2 for concessions.

Poets in spotlight

BASINGSTOKE: Wannabe wordsmiths should head to an open mic night at South Ham Library.

They can perform their own written poetry or prose at the Basingstoke Writers' Circle annual event on July 4, starting at 7pm.

Local actor, poet and writer Bryn Strudwick is the compere for the evening and he will present the winner with a £10 book token.

Entry is £3.50 and doors will open at 6.30pm for the registration of up to three items of work.

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Hat-trick of events is huge success

THE Basingstoke Festival was hot, hot, hot as the Cheese and Chilli gala made up a trio of colourful events in the War Memorial Park on Saturday.

A Day in the Park brought together the All in the Mind Festival and Picnic in the Park as well.

Stuntman Jez Avery performed breath-taking manoeuvres and a falconry display drew the crowds, all to the backdrop of live music.

Around 26 acts performed through the mediums of drama,



dance, music, storytelling, visual arts and poetry.

Cllr Terri Reid, deputy leader of the borough council, said: "A Day

in the Park proved to be one of the highlights in this year's Basingstoke Festival calendar."

"It was a real celebration of the arts, cultural diversity, family fun, great music and delicious food and drink. War Memorial Park was a perfect setting for the events and attracted local people and visitors from further afield. It was a huge success for all involved."

The Basingstoke Festival runs until July 9. Visit basingstokefestival.co.uk for details.

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Pete goes the distance for fire heroes

A BASINGSTOKE dad has taken inspiration from the Proclaimers to walk 500 miles for his heroes – members of the fire service.

Pete Mitchell has walked around Down Grange Athletics track more than 2,000 times to raise money for the Basingstoke-based Fire Fighters Charity.

He had been aiming to raise £500 but has comfortably beaten that with a total of £733 so far from his walk that took 16 days, and is the equivalent distance from Basingstoke to Leysin in Switzerland.

The father-of-one said: "It's to raise awareness of the injuries that firefighters suffer and the traumatic stress as well which not many people know about."

"Everybody needs a firefighter – they're heroes."

The Sainsbury's warehouse worker said he had done three months of training in preparation and covered either 26 or 30 miles a day, sometimes even 60 miles if he did a full 12-hour day.



Pete Mitchell gives the thumbs up as he completes yet another lap of the Down Grange track

Mr Mitchell, a former firefighter himself for a decade in Oxford, was forced to retire following a work-related injury.

"I miss it a lot but this is a good

way of keeping in touch, it's in your blood," he said.

To donate to Pete's charity efforts, visit justgiving.com/fundraising/Pete-Mitchell66.

Pledge of support for leisure centre reassures trust

By Matthew Brown

BOROUGH councillors have reaffirmed their commitment to the Basingstoke Sports Centre.

It comes after they met with the Basingstoke Sports Trust, following concerns that the Festival Place-based centre could be threatened by a new Village Hotel, complete with extensive leisure facilities, that is to be built as part of a £200million redevelopment of Basing View.

Cllr Simon Bound, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council cabinet member for communities and community safety, whose portfolio covers leisure, said: "We had a very positive and constructive meeting with the sports trust and have a further meeting planned for July to continue these discussions."

"We have always valued the work of Basingstoke Sports Centre and continue to do so, supporting the

trust through improvement projects and funding to deliver health programmes."

Cllr Bound added that the borough council would work with the sports trust "to ensure it's valuable contribution to the life of the borough is maintained".

The sports trust is concerned the centre could be damaged by the 153-bedroom Village Hotel, complete with leisure facilities, gym and pool.

They have claimed the development is only viable because of £3million funding given by the borough council, which has also awarded land for the project on a 250 year-lease and at a pepper-corn rent.

However Cllr Bound said that Village would be paying a multi-million pound sum upfront, investing £20m, creating 100 jobs and be providing what Basing View tenants wanted.

The fact that Basingstoke is a growing town means that new leisure facilities will be needed and borough money was spent on groundworks and infrastructure.

James Starbuck, chief executive of the sports trust, also described the meeting as "positive" and "constructive".

He said: "We talked around the potential impact that we believe the hotel will have on us and we took the council through that."

"The borough council was supportive and tried to reassure us that they do want to see the sports centre adding value to local communities for generations to come."

"They don't want the sports centre to fail and are keen to work with us, but it's only very early days."

Mr Starbuck said that a further two meetings will take place in July and from there, it will be clear whether the two parties can work together going forward.

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Youth in concert

BASINGSTOKE: Members of the public are being invited to Hampshire Hospitals NHS Trust AGM.

There is an interactive exhibition, a chance to meet hospital staff and find out more about the services on offer and the future plans of the trust at the meeting on July 18.

Consultant urologist Richard Hindley will also host a talk on prostate diagnostics and treatments.

The exhibition gets underway at The Ark at 5.30pm, with the AGM starting at 7pm.

Fun of the seaside

BASINGSTOKE: Life will become a beach at Kempshott Village Hall on Saturday.

Bring buckets and spades to the event for some seaside fun for children between the ages of six months to five years old.

The event runs from 10.30am to 11.30am and parents are advised to take along a towel and change of clothes for the youngsters. A single child ticket costs £10, visit messaarounduk.com for details.

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Chief fire officer: sprinklers now a must for high rise flats

'After Grenfell decisive action is needed to stop further tragedies'



Dave Curry has said the fire service is working with all high-rise building owners and landlords to make sure all is safe

By Matthew Brown

HAMPSHIRE'S chief fire officer has said that sprinklers are now imperative for all high-rise buildings.

Following the Grenfell Tower fire in West London that so far has claimed 79 lives, Dave Curry said "decisive action" was needed.

Mr Curry said: "While we may be unable to speculate on the specifics of the Grenfell Tower incident, history tells us that sadly lives have been lost in previous high-rise fires."

The toll included two Hampshire firefighters who lost their lives in a fire at Shirley Towers in Southampton in 2010.

A coroner recommended that consideration must be given to fitting sprinklers to all high-rise blocks following this tragedy and also following the Lakanal House fire in London in 2009, where six people died.

Mr Curry said that despite this, disasters such as Grenfell were still happening.

"Since Shirley Towers, we have campaigned for the installation of sprinklers in high-rise buildings.

"I believe that, as a country, we must now commit to the installation of these life-saving devices in all high-rise blocks," he said.

Sprinklers have been proven to stop the spread of fire in

buildings and therefore drastically reduce the threat to life.

Hampshire fire service is now "working with all high-rise building owners and landlords to ensure all of these structures are inspected and that residents feel safe in their homes," Mr Curry said.

"Grenfell Tower was a fire on an unprecedented scale, but those living in high-rise blocks will now understandably feel concern around their safety.

"It is time for decisive action that will not only allow families to feel safe living in buildings such as these, but to prevent anyone having to relive the terrifying events that unfolded in Grenfell Tower."

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Gala in memory

BASINGSTOKE: The inaugural Winklebury Gala is taking place on Saturday.

Organised in memory of the late, much loved former councillor Lea Jeff, it promises to be a fun day with stalls, a dog show, a car boot and live entertainment. The gala is being hosted at the playing fields between midday and 6pm.

Wheelchair wow

BASINGSTOKE: It's not every-day a wheelchair scavenger hunt, complete with fancy dress, goes through the town centre, but that's what's happening on Saturday.

The local disability forum are organising The Basingstoke Roll that is also part of a family fun day at The Malls, outside Primark between 1pm and 4pm.

All funds raised will go towards the Basingstoke and Deane disability forum.

MP Jayawardena quits Twitter over 'trolling, extremists - and worse'

NORTH East Hampshire MP Ranil Jayawardena has quit Twitter after describing it as "a platform full of trolls, extremists - and worse".

The 30-year-old Conservative, pictured right, recently elected for the second time,

announced the decision via his Facebook page.

He said: "I've left Twitter today because it has become a platform full of trolls, extremists - and worse.

"And not just for me, but for many MPs.

"Social media doesn't have to be like this."

Mr Jayawardena, elected with 37,754 votes, giving him a majority of 27,772, also said constituents had told him they were afraid of posting on his Facebook page for fear of being

targeted by online opponents.

The former Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council deputy leader added: "My team and I have put up with foul and abusive language - and wider trolling and 'fake news' for far too long.

"It will no longer be acceptable and appropriate action will be taken by my team."

He also appealed to people to stop promoting other political parties, campaigns or candidates on his Facebook page, as well as keeping posts relevant.



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Funds boost helps families of the forces

MILITARY personnel, veterans and families are set to benefit from £433,000 in funding.

Hampshire County Council has received the money from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund that will help support military families and their children along with training and support for council staff.

Around 20,000 serving military personnel live in Hampshire, as well as 60,000 veterans.

About £393,000 has been allocated to make sure that local authority staff across Hampshire are Forces Aware and Forces Friendly, and understand mental health better.

It is hoped this training will allow for better referrals to public and charitable services, employment support for leavers and reservists, and ensure better health service provision.

A further £40,000 will go on supporting families and the integration of armed forces children in schools.

Cllr Andrew Joy, Hampshire's executive member of communities, partnerships and external affairs, said: "We and our partners are delighted to receive funding for these projects, to help integrate armed forces and civilian communities, and deliver valuable local community services."

Big hand for volunteers who make a difference

By Matthew Brown

AROUND 500 volunteers have been rewarded for their kind-hearted efforts at North Hampshire Hospitals with a series of tea parties.

Generous helpers who give up their free time to lend a hand to others in need enjoyed a well-earned cup of tea and slice of cake.

Volunteer Doreen Lonergan, who was at the Basingstoke Hospital celebration, said: "I wanted to make a difference and befriending appealed to me because I understand that it would be easy for somebody living on their own, with health issues, to become isolated."

For the last 18 months, Doreen has been a volunteer befriender, visiting patients at home who are often alone, proving some friendly company and a listening ear.

She said: "The lady I used to visit really looked forward to our meetings."

"Sometimes we'd just stay in and chat and other times we'd go out somewhere like a garden centre, a museum or the shops."

"I always felt that I had made a difference and that she was



Volunteers enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake thanks to Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

happier at the end of her visit than she had been at the start."

Doreen said the woman she befriended had passed away recently and, at the funeral, many people had gone up to her saying she had told everyone about her.

Volunteers help Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust care for patients in a variety of ways from lending a hand at mealtimes to helping

with back office tasks.

Dave Ewing and Paul Hargreaves both had treatment for heart problems and underwent the cardiac rehabilitation programme – and now they are helping new patients through it.

Dave said: "We have really good fun while we are doing it and it's great to get the chance to meet so many different people."

"When people first come

to the sessions they are often nervous, but after a couple of weeks they are bounding around and have a lot more confidence."

Donna Green, chief nurse, saluted the volunteers. She said: "We are incredibly grateful for everything they do."

"They make a difference, not only to our patients, but to our staff as well, and it's fantastic to be part of the team."

News Bites

Where to build?

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The borough council is on the lookout for developers and landowners to let them know about sites suitable for development.

The annual Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment is looking for sites capable of accommodating at least five residential units or for employment sites.

Visit basingstoke.gov.uk for further information and to fill in a form. The deadline is 5pm on July 31.

Time for Sherfest

BASINGSTOKE: Sherfest 2017 is taking place on Saturday at Sherfield Park Community Centre.

Enjoy balloon modelling, bouncy castles, sand art and much more at the event organised by the community association.

Sit back and enjoy

ALTON: The public gardens will be alive with the sound of music on Sunday.

An Afternoon of Music is being performed by the Liss Concert Band from 2pm to 4pm at the bandstand.

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It is free but donations are welcome.

Easing the jams

BASINGSTOKE: Congestion on the A33 between Crockford and Great Binfields Lane roundabouts is set to be relieved with a £10.6million programme of improvements to be carried out.

The work on the road in Chineham, carried out by Hampshire County Council, is estimated to last for around 18 months.

Lane closures will only be in place during off-peak hours.

Energy savings

BASINGSTOKE: Residents can apply for low-interest loans for solar panels or other kinds of renewable energy systems for their homes from the borough council, which is working in collaboration with the Parity Trust.

Visit basingstoke.gov.uk/low-carbonloans.

Hard work is paying off for inspirational businessman

By Matthew Brown

AN INSPIRATIONAL Basingstoke entrepreneur is well on the way to turning over more than £1million – at the age of 30.

Dyslexic Tim Brant left school aged 16 unable to spell, but has proved nothing is impossible as he is now the UK's youngest self storage owner, renting out more than 600 units at any one time.

He says it's a far cry from when he started out collecting used cooking oil from food outlets to turn into biofuel.

Tim explained: "When I left home at 20, I had nowhere to go and store my rapidly growing stock of oil, so when a friend offered his land as a possible storage site for my stuff, I bought a shipping container with the proceeds of shares left to me by my granddad and that is how it all started."

He began with just three containers, which grew 10-fold to

30 containers, but despite a successful start, no one would lend him money to expand.

He then realised that if he leased out containers and paid for them from the proceeds, he could expand without the need for credit. This meant he could turn 30 containers into 600.

Now his Brant Group has four sites across the area – and Tim aims to own 1,000 containers by 2025, giving him a turnover well above £1.25m a year.

A boom in online retail has given the storage market an enormous boost, with one in five of all 605,000 units home to an online retailer, and 42 per cent of all self storage units are rented to businesses.

Rennie Schafer, chief executive of the Self Storage Association UK, praised Tim's achievements. "The future looks bright for Tim whose achievement is a perfect example of just how far you can go with hard work, determination and tenacity."



Entrepreneur Tim Brant

Nine per cent rise in number claiming for unemployment

UNEMPLOYMENT in Basingstoke and Deane rose last month by nine per cent, newly released figures show.

The number of people registered as unemployed and claiming jobseekers allowance in the borough went up by 80 in May to 965.

However, Sarah Crewe-Read, service delivery team leader at Basingstoke Jobcentre, said: "The overall picture is still on a downward trend."

"In Basingstoke, people come on and they come off so quickly."

She said that since 2010, 1,740 people have got back into employment, which amounts to a 64 per cent reduction in the number of claimants.

She added that the Jobcentre is looking to see where the growth industries are and looking to up-skill people by working with employers and colleges.

There will be careers fair in August and the Jobcentre is now on the lookout for local employers with current or seasonal Christmas vacancies to join them.

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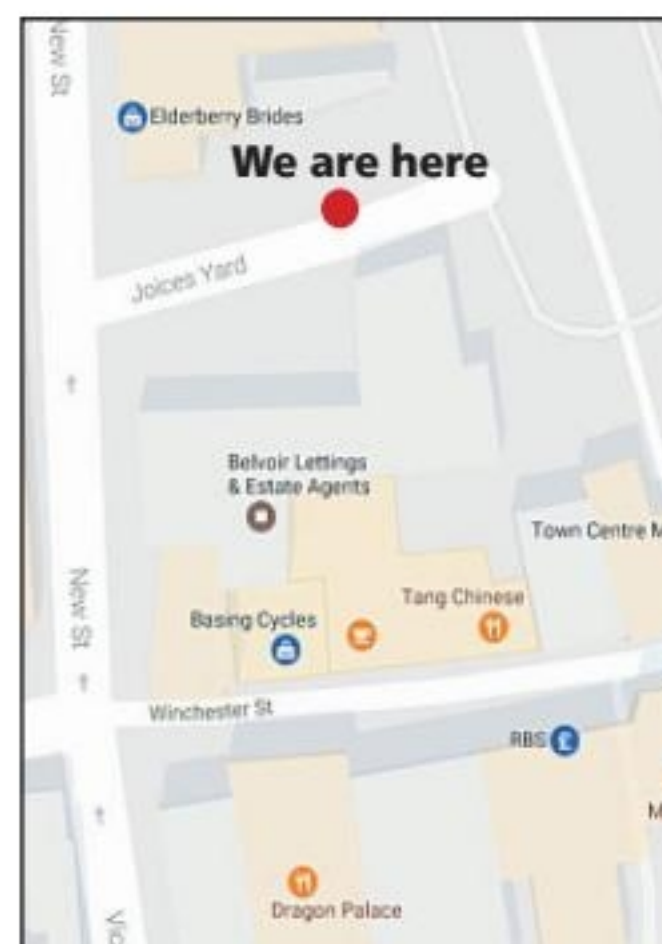
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PIONEERING folk-rock band Fairport Convention celebrates its Golden Anniversary in 2017 – the first-ever Fairport gig took place on 27 May 1967 in north London. The band's music festival, Fairport's Cropredy Convention, has been held every year since 1980 making 2017 the event's thirty-seventh year.

From its simple musical session over an afternoon the festival has grown to a three day monster that draws 20,000 fans to see up to twenty different bands that cover a wide range of music.

This year's very special lineup includes a triple bill of performances from 'early years' former members of Fairport – Ashley Hutchings, Judy Dyble and Iain Matthews – as part of the anniversary celebration.

Ashley Hutchings founded Fairport Convention and at Cropredy 2017 he will present Morris On, a spectacular of traditional music and dance. Fairport's original female vocalist Judy Dyble will be performing with Band of Perfect Strangers, her regular musical

Closing date: Thursday, July 6

collaborators. Iain Matthews, Fairport's first male lead singer will be joined by Andy Roberts and Mark Griffiths to present Plainsong.

There will also be two chances to see Fairport Convention co-founder Richard Thompson. He will play a full set in his own right on Friday then join Fairport on Saturday evening.

Fairport Convention will celebrate their fifty years with a marathon performance to close the festival on Saturday. Joined on stage by former members and guests, their set will feature the very best from half a century of musicmaking. Fairport will also play on Thursday when the festival will

open with a short welcoming set by the band's semi-acoustic line-up.

This year the festival runs from Thursday the 10th to Saturday 12th of August. For more details and to book tickets visit www.fairportconvention.com

We have a **family ticket pack** for the weekend for one lucky winner who will get to enjoy three days of great music and real ale. The ticket pack includes a pair of adult weekend tickets, camping ticket and up to three under 12 child tickets.

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Q: Which artist in the lineup founded Fairport Convention?

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Live music is one of the Classic's popular attractions. The Bootleg Beatles are topping the line-up on Friday while Saturday's bill includes former Spandau Ballet front-man Tony Hadley.

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concerts and many of the activities. Adult admission is from just £43 and full details can be found on the www.silverstoneclassic.com website.

Win tickets!

To be in with a chance of winning go to the website and answer the following simple question.

Q: Tony Hadley was the lead singer of which chart-topping band? Spandau Ballet, Duran Duran or Human League?



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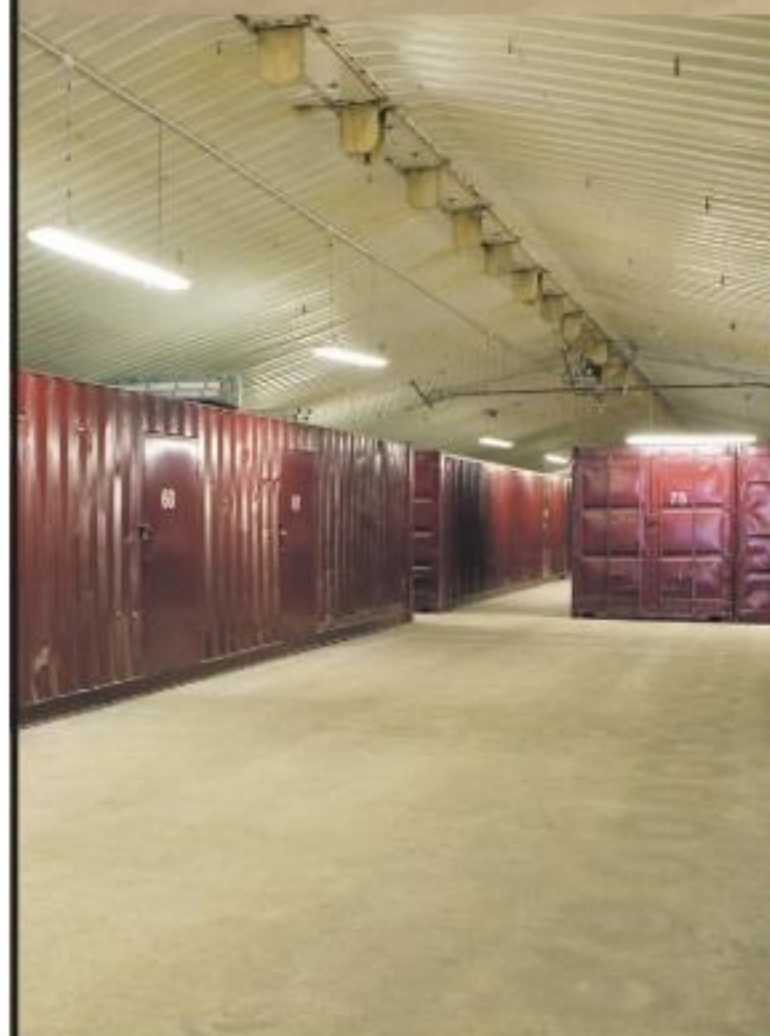


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16 Disparaged (9)
19 Digit (5)
20 Reverie (5)
22 Dignify (7)
23 Alighting (7)
24 Unforeseen (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Begin a journey (3,3)
2 Edible seed (4)
3 Beyond description (13)
5 Mutual agreement (13)
6 Toughness (8)
7 Made taut (6)
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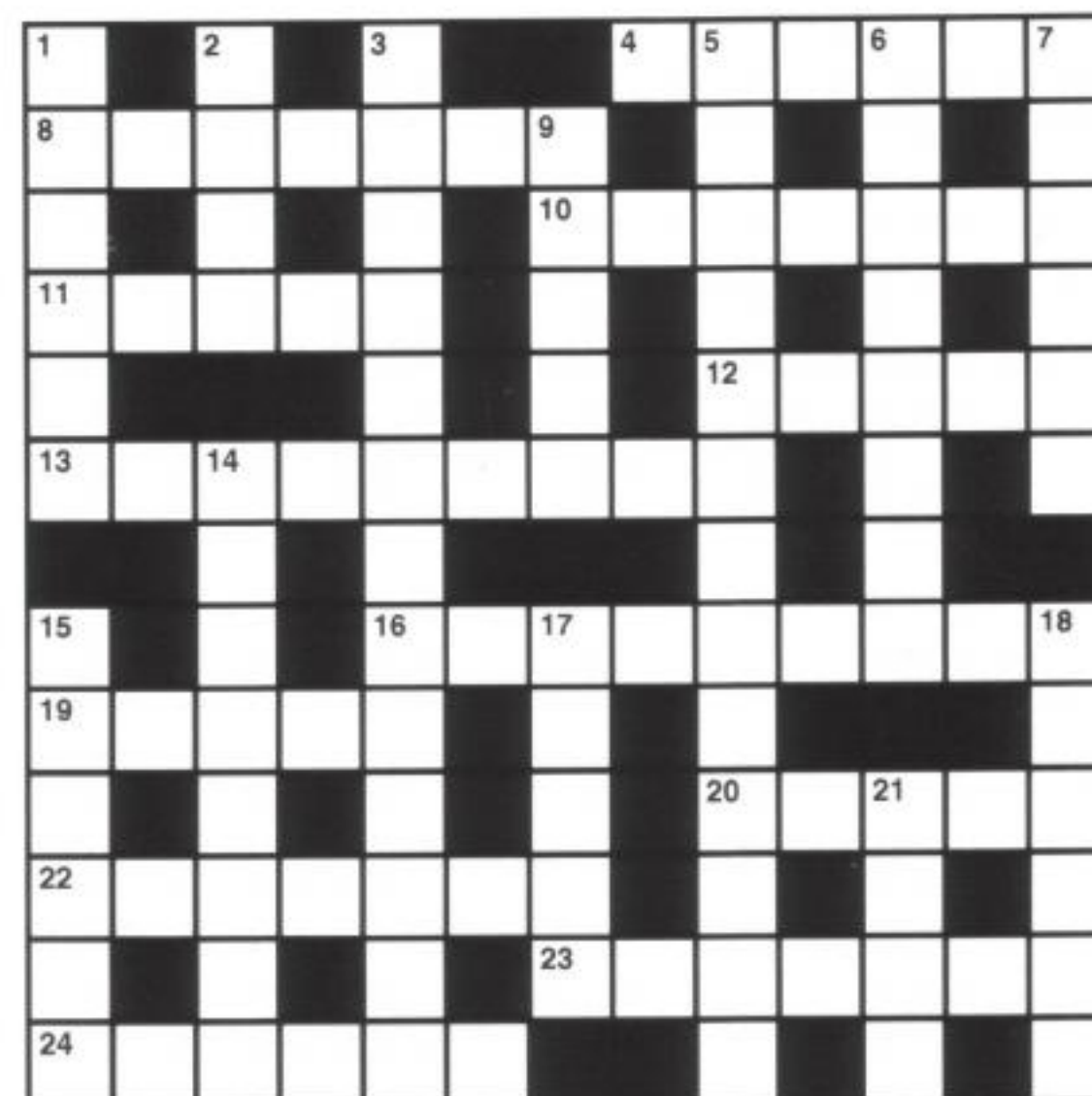
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Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 Cheats at cards? (6)
8 But strong drink on Saturday and Sunday? (4,3)
10 All tear sideways (7)
11 Understand the subject on hand (5)
12 Where one cannot expect a warm welcome? (5)
13 A tailor's right to be upset about men's clothes (9)
16 An April display presumably (5,4)
19 The battleground is some land round the north (5)
20 One needs drive to make a go of it (5)
22 Last in bed got blown up (7)
23 Hang it! (7)
24 Songbirds? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Are they eaten by vegetarian cannibals? (6)
2 The way to embark (4)
3 Obviously he must be trained for the job (7,6)
5 Pharmacist who could have helped the three blind mice (6,7)
6 Sing joyfully in a US state (8)
7 Quickly surround gangster in the bar (6)
9 Heard in the alley by way of an excuse (5)
14 She upsets me in beads (8)
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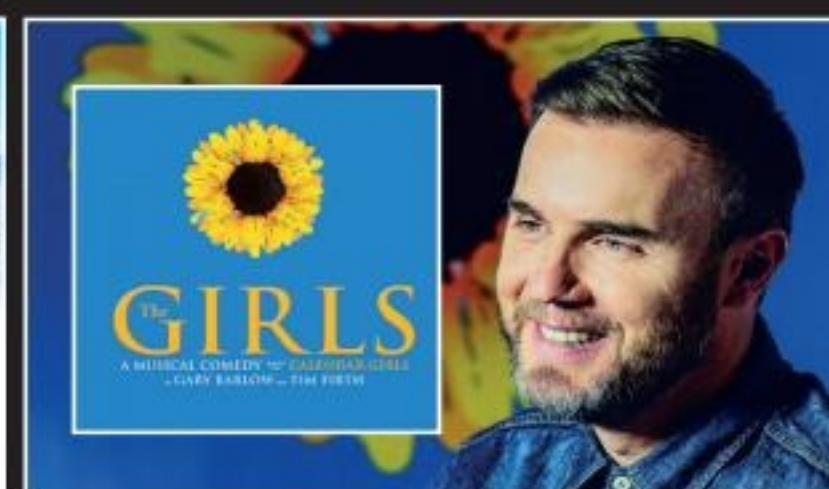
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Puzzles



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called “boxes”, “blocks”, “regions”, or “sub-squares”) contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

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This week's solutions

9	8	4	5	7	2	6	1	3
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Quick Crossword
Across: 4 Russet 8 Eternal 10 Andron 11 Ounce 12 Runse
13 Ferocious 16 Impeached 19 Thumb 20 Dream 22 Ennoble
23 Landing 24 Sudden
Down: 1 Set off 2 Bean 3 Indescribable 5 Understanding
6 Strength 7 Tensed 9 Largo 14 Returned 15 Athens 17 Panel
18 Damage 21 Epic
Cryptic Crossword
Across: 4 Tricks 8 Weak tea 10 Lateral 11 Dight 12 Igloo
13 Sartorial 16 March past 19 Arena 20 Motor 22 Blasted
23 Suspend 24 Layers
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6 Carolina 7 Saloon 9 Alibi 14 Rosemary 15 Gambol 17 Reeds
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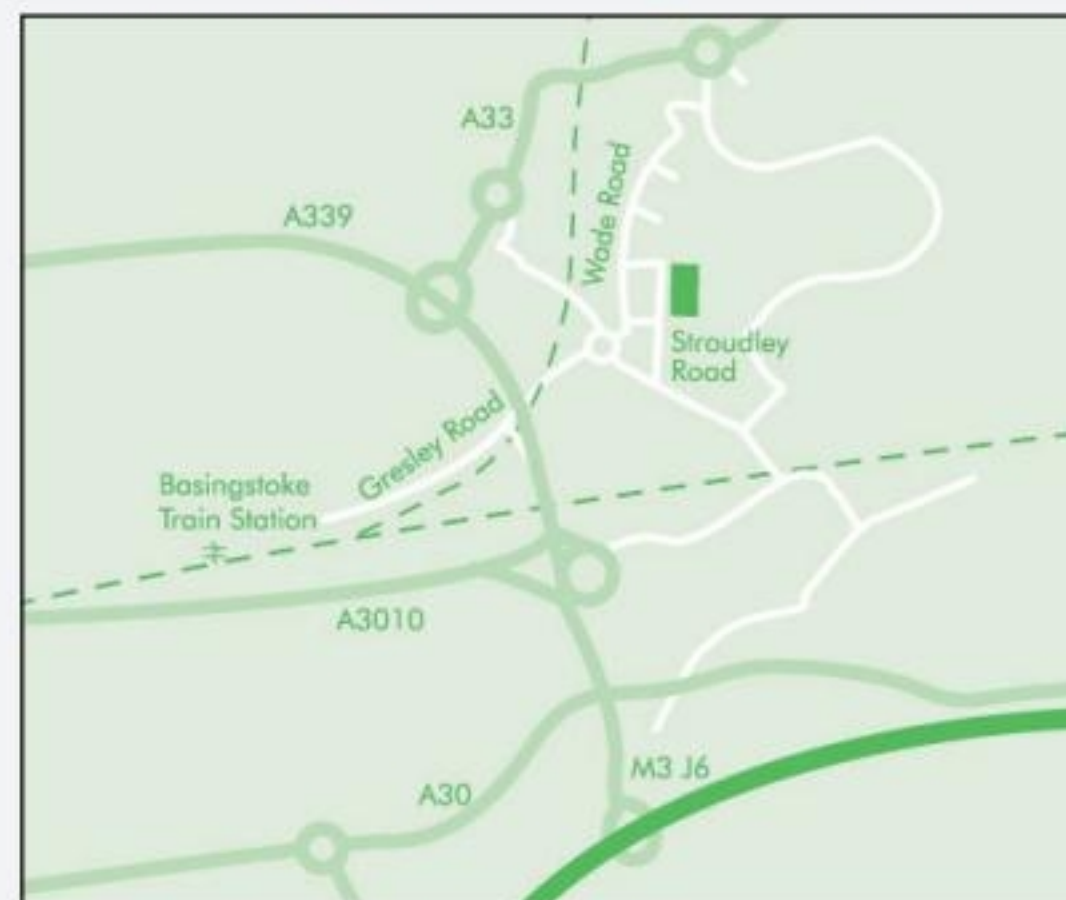
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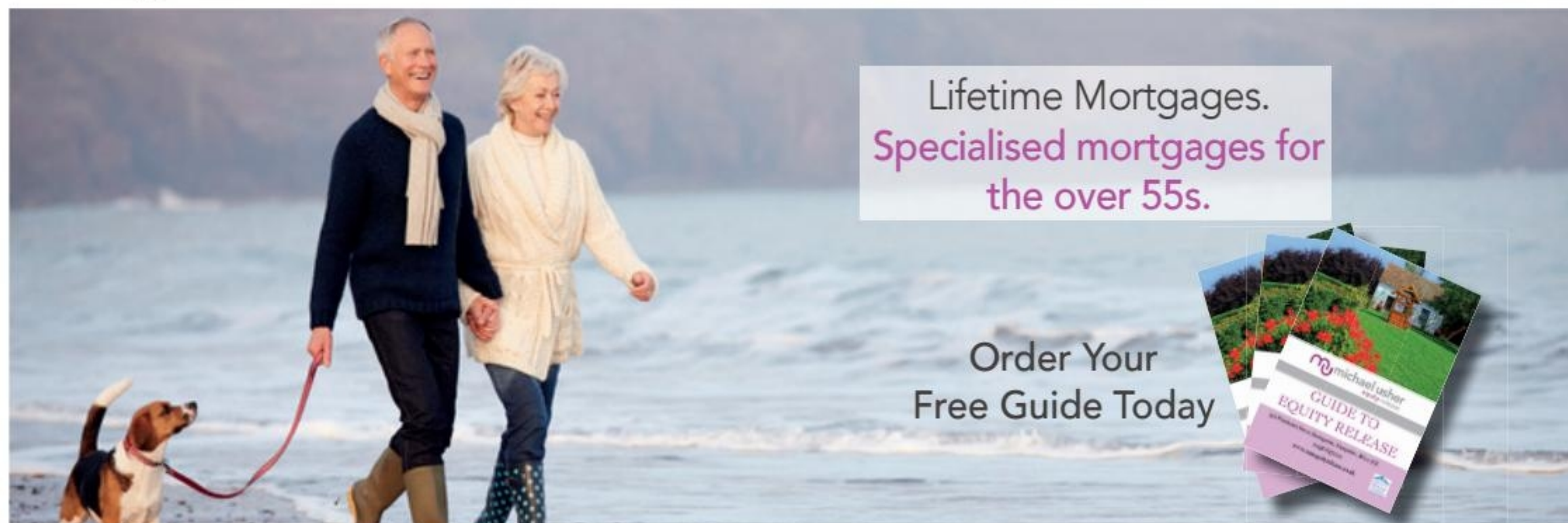
Michael Usher, founder and owner of the firm comments "We have been advising on these products for over 15 years and have made a lot of people very happy with our advice". He goes on to say, "for some people this wide range of products can help homeowners live in their property until they pass on or downsize, this obviously gives total peace of mind for anyone that is feeling the pressure".

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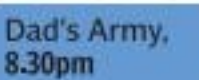

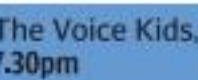

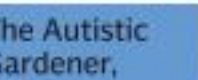

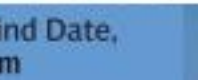

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	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	 Pitch Battle, 7.30pm 	 Dad's Army, 8.30pm 	 The Voice Kids, 7.30pm 	 The Autistic Gardener, 7pm 	 Blind Date, 7pm 
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 Mary Berry Cooks (S)(R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 12.15 Tennis from Eastbourne (S) 3.00 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 3.30 FILM Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) (PG) (S) 5.25 BBC News (S) 5.35 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.45 Pointless Celebrities (S)(R) 6.30 Doctor Who (S)	8.30 FILM The Maggie (1954) (U) (S) 10.00 Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape (S)(R) 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 12.00 Food & Drink (S)(R) 12.30 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.15 Peter O'Toole: Talking Pictures (S)(R) 2.00 FILM Kidnapped (1960) (PG) (S) 3.30 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 4.15 Flog It! (S)(R) 5.00 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 6.00 The Day the Dinosaurs Died (S)(R)	6.00 CITY 8.25 ITV News (S) 8.30 Weekend (S) 9.25 The Home Game (S)(R) 10.25 FILM Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (2001) (PG) (S) 1.15 ITV News; Weather (S) 1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Newcastle (S) 4.00 The Chase (S)(R) 5.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs (S)(R) 5.30 Little Big Shots US (S) 6.25 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.35 ITV News (S) 6.45 Catchphrase (S)	6.10 3rd Rock from the Sun (S)(R) 6.35 Mobil 1 The Grid (S) 7.05 Motor Sport: Ypres Rally (S) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.25 Frasier (S)(R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 11.20 The Simpsons (S)(R) 12.50 Four in a Bed (S)(R) 3.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (S)(R) 4.35 Big House, Little House (S) 5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.50 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2 (S)(R) 11.15 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 1.10 The Great British Benefits Handout (S)(R) 2.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) 4.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) 6.00 5 News Weekend (S) 6.05 Funniest Dogs Behaving Badly (S)(R)
7	7.30 Pitch Battle The third heat of the choral contest gets under way. (S)	7.00 Nature's Wildest Weapons: Horns, Tusks and Antlers: Natural World How animals use their bodies as weapons. (S)(R)	7.30 The Voice Kids The junior version of the talent contest continues. (S)	7.00 The Autistic Gardener Alan Gardner plans to transform two adjoining back gardens into one big playground. Last in the series. (S)	7.00 Blind Date Paul O'Grady helps a gentlemanly soldier and a bubbly finance director – both from Manchester. (S)
8		8.00 Manchester International Festival: Everyone Welcome A tour of the city's biennial international arts festival. (S) 8.30 Dad's Army (S)(R)		8.00 FILM Life of Pi (2012) (PG) Adventure, starring Suraj Sharma and Irrfan Khan. (S)	8.00 Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever! Joe Pasquale revisits hilarious celebrity pranks. (S)
9	9.00 Casualty Sam steps down as medical director to take a more hands-on role in the ED. (S) 9.50 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)	9.00 Melvyn Bragg on TV: The Box that Changed the World Melvyn Bragg is joined by celebrity guests as he explores the impact television has made on British culture. (S)	9.00 FILM Quantum of Solace (2008) (12) Spy thriller sequel, with Daniel Craig and Olga Kurylenko. (S)		9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. (S)
10	10.10 FILM Avengers Assemble (2012) (12) Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr, Chris Evans and Chris Hemsworth. (S)			10.25 FILM Last Vegas (2013) (12) Four sixtiesomething friends decide to relive their wild youth with a trip to Las Vegas. Comedy, with Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro. (S)	10.05 Moments That Rocked Talent Shows A journey through the instances that rocked the genre and the fall-out that followed. (S)(R)
11		11.00 FILM Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll (2010) (15) Biopic of influential punk singer Ian Dury. With Andy Serkis and Bill Milner. (S)	11.05 ITV News; Weather (S) 11.25 Rebound Sean Fletcher hosts the quickfire quiz. (S)(R)		11.30 Lip Sync Battle UK: Rufus Hound v Jorgie Porter The comedian and actress compete. (S)(R) 11.55 Access (S)
AFTER 12	12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.30 BBC News (S)	12.50 FILM The Deep (2012) (12) Fact-based drama, starring Olafur Darri Olafsson. 2.20 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen	12.30 Ramsay's Hotel Hell (S)(R) 1.15 Hollyoaks (S) 3.15 Ackley Bridge (S)(R) 4.10 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 5.05 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) 5.15 Fifteen to One (S)(R)	12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 FILM Vampire Academy (2014) (12) Premiere. Fantasy, starring Zoey Deutch. (S) 4.50 Great Artists (S)(R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.25 You've Been Framed! Gold: Top 100 Holidays 7.10 Emmerdale 9.00 Coronation Street 11.00 Take Me Out 12.10 You've Been Framed! Gold Harry's Favourites 1.10 FILM: Dragonheart (1996) (PG) 2.15 FYI Daily 2.20 FILM: Dragonheart (1996) (PG) Concluded. 3.10 FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Charles Grodin. 4.10 FYI Daily 4.15 FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Concluded. 5.00 FILM: Flubber (1997) (U) Children's comedy remake, starring Robin Williams. 6.00 FYI Daily 6.05 FILM: Flubber (1997) (U) 6.50 FILM: The Wedding Planner (2001) (PG) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Lopez and Matthew McConaughey. 7.50 FYI Daily 7.55 FILM: The Wedding Planner (2001) (PG) Concluded. 9.00 Love Island: The Weekly Hot List 10.00 Celebrity Juice 10.50 Family Guy 12.20 American Dad! 12.45 FILM: Get Him to the Greek (2010) (15) 1.45 FYI Daily 1.50 FILM: Get Him to the Greek (2010) (15) 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy 6.20 Murder, She Wrote 8.10 The Darling Buds of May 9.20 FILM: The Sign of Four (2001) (PG) 11.40 Inspector Morse 1.55 Hans Christian Andersen: My Life as a Fairy Tale 3.50 Wycliffe 4.55 Agatha Christie's Marple 9.00 Foyle's War 11.05 Law & Order: UK 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Britain and the Sea 8.00 Nature's Great Events 9.00 FILM: Kon-Tiki (2012) (15) Premiere. Fact-based drama, starring Pal Sverre Hagen. 10.50 Top of the Pops: 1984 11.50 Old Grey Whistle Test: 70's Gold 1.20 The Who at the Electric Proms 2.10 Totally British: 70s Rock 'n' Roll 3.10 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube 6.25 Couples Come Dine with Me 8.30 Kevin Can Wait 9.00 New Girl 10.00 Melissa & Joey 12.30 The Goldbergs 1.55 FILM: Tooth Fairy (2010) (PG) 4.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 FILM: Thor (2011) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Chris Hemsworth. 10.15 The Inbetweeners 11.20 Gogglebox 1.30 Tattoo Fixers 2.25 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 3.10 The Inbetweeners 4.05 How I Met Your Mother 4.45 Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped 9.30 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away 1.40 Come Dine with Me 4.15 Four in a Bed 7.00 Great Canal Journeys: India 8.00 Rivers with Jeremy Paxman 9.00 It Was Alright in the 1980s 10.05 It Was Alright in the 1990s 11.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 1.15 It Was Alright in the 1980s 2.20 It Was Alright in the 1990s 3.20 8 Out of 10 Cats 4.00 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Stuart Little (1999) (U) 1.00 Hugo (2011) (U) 3.25 Dunston Checks In (1996) (PG) Family comedy, starring Jason Alexander. 5.10 The Rewrite (2014) (12) Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Marisa Tomei. 7.20 Chronicle (2012) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Dane DeHaan. 9.00 Bad Neighbours (2014) (15) Comedy, starring Seth Rogen and Zac Efron. 10.50 Extraterrestrial (2014) (15) Sci-fi horror, starring Brittany Allen. 12.55 Five Deadly Venoms (1978) (18) 3.05 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Lizard Lick Towing 7.35 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge 8.25 Top Gear 10.30 Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit 11.30 Go 8 Bit: DLC 12.00 The Joy of Techs 1.00 Traffic Cops 3.00 Sin City Motors 5.00 Top Gear 6.00 Top Gear Botswana Special 7.00 Top Gear 8.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible 9.00 FILM: Lethal Weapon 3 (1992) (15) Action thriller sequel, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. 11.20 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 12.20 QI XL 1.20 Would I Lie to You? 2.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 2.50 Mock the Week 3.20 Game of Arms 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.20 The Last Detective 10.00 When the Boat Comes In 11.00 Sharpe 1.10 When the Boat Comes In 5.00 Open All Hours 5.40 Porridge 7.00 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates 8.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 9.00 Taggart 11.55 Waking the Dead 2.05 Fallen Angel 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 6.30 British and Irish Lions Tour 7.30 NCIS: Los Angeles 12.30 Futurama 3.00 David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies 4.00 Modern Family 7.00 Rugby's Funniest Moments 8.00

Duck Quacks Don't Echo 9.00 A League of Their Own: US Road Trip 2.0 10.00 Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life 11.00 The Simpsons 12.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 3.00 Most Daring 4.00 It's Me or the Dog 5.00 Zoo Tales 5.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town 9.00 The British 11.00 Open Your Eyes 11.45 Good Job: Stories of the FDNY 1.00 House 4.00 Without a Trace 9.00 Game of Thrones 11.20 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 12.05 Real Time with Bill Maher 1.15 Game of Thrones 2.25 The Putin Interviews 3.35 Nurse Jackie 4.10 The British

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith 7.00 Inside the Ambulance 8.00 The Bill 1.00 EastEnders 3.35 Jamie's Money Saving Meals 5.00 David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities 6.00 My Family 8.00 One Born Every Minute 9.00 FILM: The Pelican Brief (1993) (12) Legal thriller, starring Julia Roberts. 11.55 Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders 12.50 Grimm 1.40 The Strain 2.30 Judge Faith 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.05 The Two Ronnies 8.35 The Interviews 9.35 One Foot in the Grave 10.15 Last of the Summer Wine 12.15 We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story 1.30 Only Fools and Horses 9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys 11.00 The Young Ones 12.30 Black Books 1.35 FILM: Bill Hicks - It's Just a Ride (1994) (18) 2.35 Garth Marenghi's Darkplace 3.30 House of Fools 4.00 Home Shopping

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	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	Antiques Roadshow, 8pm	Athletics: World Championship Team Trials, 1pm	The Loch, 9.30pm	The Handmaid's Tale, 9pm	OMG, 10.05pm
DAYTIME	10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) 11.00 Sunday Politics (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 2.00 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 2.45 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 3.45 Eat Well for Less? (S)(R) 4.45 Songs of Praise (S) 5.20 Sue Barker: Our Wimbledon (S) 6.35 BBC News (S) 6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)	8.05 The Beechgrove Garden (S) 8.35 Countryfile (S)(R) 9.35 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 11.05 Wimbledon 2016 Review (S) 12.00 Athletics: Diamond League Highlights (S) 1.00 Athletics: World Championship Team Trials (S) 5.00 Inside the Factory: How Our Favourite Foods Are Made (S)(R) 6.00 The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway: The Final Countdown (S)(R)	6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) 8.30 Weekend (S) 9.25 Judge Rinder (S)(R) 11.20 Tipping Point (S)(R) 12.25 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.35 Babushka (S) (R) 1.35 The Voice Kids (S)(R) 3.05 Bear Grylls Survival School (S)(R) 3.30 FILM Hulk (2003) (12) (S) 6.05 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.15 ITV News (S) 6.30 Live 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup The final (kick-off 7.00pm). (S)	6.10 3rd Rock from the Sun (S)(R) 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (S) (R) 7.55 Frasier (S)(R) 8.55 Eating Well with Hemsley + Hemsley (S) 9.30 Sunday Brunch (S) 12.30 Eat the Week (S) 1.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (S)(R) 2.30 FILM Dante's Peak (1997) (12) (S) 4.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (S)(R) 5.35 Homes by the Sea (S) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) 10.55 The Gadget Show (S)(R) 11.45 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 2.40 FILM Made of Honor (2008) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan. (S) 4.40 FILM 13 Going on 30 (2004) (12) (S) 5.40 5 News Update (S) 5.45 FILM 13 Going on 30 (2004) (12) (S) 6.30 FILM The Flintstones (1994) (U) (S)
7	7.00 Countryfile Ellie Harrison meets a family making cordials and presses using their own elderflowers. (S)	7.00 Dragons' Den The panel assesses more money-spinning ideas. Evan Davis presents. (S)(R)		7.00 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud follows software executive Andy and garden designer Nicki, who are planning to build a "floating" house on the Thames. (S)(R)	
8	8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce introduces unscreened items from recent shows. (S)	8.00 The Life Swap Adventure A daredevil Tennessee cowboy and a fun-loving Welsh office worker trade places. (S)		8.00 Dunkirk: The New Evidence Documentary examining the famous Second World War evacuation of Allied soldiers. (S)	8.05 That's So 1984 A year that saw the Brighton hotel bombing and Torvill and Dean win gold. (S)(R) 8.55 5 News Weekend (S)
9	9.00 Poldark A grain ship is raided by starving villagers, and George arranges a harsh punishment for them. Ross is not convinced by news that the British officers are to be set free. (S)	9.00 FILM George Best: All By Himself (2016) (PG) The story of the reserved young prodigy from Belfast who became a global superstar with Manchester United. (S)	9.30 The Loch Annie's loyalty to Leighton is shaken when she realises his alibi is a lie. Craig Petrie becomes a suspect, but he quickly turns the tables on the police under questioning. (S)	9.00 The Handmaid's Tale When a trade delegation from Mexico comes to Gilead, Offred discovers several shocking secrets. (S)	9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. (S)
10	10.00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather 10.30 Miranda Hart - My What I Call Live Show A filmed performance of stand-up comedy, sketches. (S)(R)	10.30 Mock the Week With Angela Barnes, Ed Byrne, Milton Jones, Nish Kumar and Romesh Ranganathan. (S)(R)	10.30 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.50 Lethal Weapon Riggs' attachment to Karen Palmer deepens. (S)(R)	10.15 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown With David O'Doherty, Johnny Vegas, Jamie Laing and Holly Walsh. (S)(R)	10.05 OMG The story of a woman who has made several extreme changes to her body, including amputating a finger. Plus, people with large amounts of body piercing and tattoos. (S)
11	11.30 The Week the Landlords Moved In (S)(R)	11.05 White Gold Vincent finds himself kicked out of his family home. (S)(R) 11.35 FILM Burke & Hare (2010) (15) (S)	11.45 Take Me Out Dating game, hosted by Paddy McGuinness. (S) (R)	11.10 FILM Trance (2013) (15) Crime thriller, starring James McAvoy and Rosario Dawson. (S)	11.05 FILM The Vow (2012) (12) Romantic drama, with Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum. (S)
AFTER 12	12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.35 BBC News (S)	1.00 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) 2.00 Holby City (S)(R) 3.00 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)	1.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 1.50 The Last Leg (S)(R) 2.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) 3.15 Gillette World Sport (S) 3.40 Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) 4.10 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) 5.05 Location, Location, Location (S)(R)	1.05 SuperCasino 3.10 The Hotel Inspector (S)(R) 4.00 Britain's Greatest Bridges (S)(R) 4.50 Great Artists (S)(R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 The Vamps: The Hot Desk 6.10 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Bonkably Big Hits 7.00 You've Been Framed! Gold 7.25 Emmerdale 9.15 Coronation Street 11.15 The Voice Kids 12.45 **FILM**: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) Family comedy prequel, starring Mark Addy. 1.45 FYI Daily 1.50 **FILM**: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) Concluded. 2.35 **FILM**: A Cinderella Story (2004) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray. 3.35 FYI Daily 3.40 **FILM**: A Cinderella Story (2004) (PG) Concluded. 4.30 **FILM**: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) (PG) Children's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp. 5.30 FYI Daily 5.35 **FILM**: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) (PG) Concluded. 6.45 **FILM**: Step Up 3 (2010) (12) Dance drama sequel, starring Rick Malambri. 7.45 FYI Daily 7.50 **FILM**: Step Up 3 (2010) (12) Concluded. 9.00 Love Island 10.00 Love Island: Afternoon 11.00 Family Guy 12.30 American Dad! 1.55 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.25 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 George and Mildred 6.25 Hans Christian Andersen: My Life as a Fairy Tale 8.10 Heartbeat 10.20 Murder, She Wrote 11.25 The Darling Buds of May 12.40 Bertie and Elizabeth 2.50 Wycliffe 3.55 Foyle's War 6.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00 The Booze Cruise 10.05 Law & Order: UK 12.05 Wire in the Blood 3.30 May the Best House Win 5.10 Rising Damp 5.35 ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Handmade in Japan: Samurai Sword 7.30 Handmade in Japan: The Kimono 8.00 Handmade in Japan: Pottery 8.30 Schönbrenn Summer Night Concert from Vienna 10.00 Oink: Man Loves Pig - Storyville 11.20 Climate Change by Numbers 12.35 Darwin's Struggle: The Evolution of the Origin of Species 1.35 Nature's Great Events 2.35 Boxing at the Movies: Kings of the Ring 3.35 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube 6.25 Couples Come Dine with Me 8.25 Hollyoaks 11.00 The Goldbergs 12.30 **FILM**: Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) (12) Comedy, starring Matthew Broderick. 2.35 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special 9.00 **FILM**: The Inbetweeners

Movie (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Joe Thomas. 11.00 **FILM**: Underworld: Awakening (2012) (18) Action fantasy, starring Kate Beckinsale. 12.45 Rude Tube 1.50 8 Out of 10 Cats 2.35 How I Met Your Mother 3.20 Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location 12.05 Come Dine with Me 2.50 Four in a Bed 5.25 Come Dine with Me 8.00 The Secret Life of the Zoo 9.00 Father Ted 10.05 Parenting for Idiots 11.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 12.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 1.15 Father Ted 2.20 Parenting for Idiots 3.20 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut 4.00 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Ladykillers (1955) (U) Ealing black comedy, starring Alec Guinness. 1.00 The Parent Trap (1961) (PG) Disney comedy, starring Hayley Mills. 3.35 Moomins on the Riviera (2014) (U) Premiere, Children's animation, with the voice of Russell Tovey. 5.10 Evolution (2001) (PG) Sci-fi comedy, starring David Duchovny. 7.20 Airplane! (1980) (15) Spoof disaster movie, starring Robert Hays. 9.00 The Monuments Men (2014) (12) Fact-based Second World War drama, directed by and starring George Clooney. 11.20 Monsters (2010) (12) Sci-fi drama, with Whitney Able and Scoot McNairy. 1.10 Bullhead (2011) (15) Crime thriller, starring Matthias Schoenaerts. 3.50 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Top Gear 9.00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge 10.00 Traffic Cops 12.00 Top Gear 2.30 Top Gear Botswana Special 3.30 The Joy of Techs 4.30 Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit 5.30 Go 8 Bit: DLC 6.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 7.00 Top Gear 8.00 Traffic Cops 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 10.00 Taskmaster 11.00 Live at the Apollo 12.00 QI XL 1.00 Mock the Week 3.00 Game of Arms 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 The Bill 10.50 Call the Midwife 2.45 Catherine Cookson's The Cinder Path 5.45 The Musketeers 7.00 The Mrs Bradley Mysteries 8.00 Mercy Street 9.00 Silent Witness 11.10 Spooks 12.35 Fallen Angel 3.30 Garden Hopping 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Futurama 9.30 Duck Quacks

Don't Echo 10.00 Drone Racing League 12.00 WWE Raw Hits 1.00 It's Me or the Dog 3.00 Flying Monsters with David Attenborough 4.30 Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 A League of Their Own: US Road Trip 2.0 9.00 Mount Pleasant. In a one-off final visit to the cul-de-sac, a job offer presents Lisa with a life-changing dilemma in which she may have to leave friends and family behind. Sally Lindsay stars. 10.30 Football's Funniest Moments 11.00 A League of Their Own: Unseen 12.00 A League of Their Own 1.00 Ross Kemp: Extreme World 2.00 Night Cops 3.00 A League of Their Own 4.00 It's Me or the Dog 5.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town 9.00 The British 11.00 House 2.00 The Putin Interviews 3.10 Blue Bloods 9.00 Riviera 10.00 Real Time with Bill Maher 11.10 Veep 11.45 Game of Thrones 12.55 Twin Peaks: The Return 2.05 Blue Bloods 3.05 Nurse Jackie 4.10 The British

W SKY: 109

6.00 Passport Patrol 6.30 Your Home in Their Hands 8.00 MasterChef USA 1.00 Doctor Who 3.00 My Family 5.00 Outnumbered 7.00 The Blue Planet 8.00 Educating Yorkshire 9.00 Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders 10.00 Luther 11.20 Louis Theroux: Gambling in Las Vegas 12.20 Helicopter Heroes 1.10 Grimm 2.00 The Strain 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.20 One Foot in the Grave 7.50 The Interviews 8.55 We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story 10.30 Only Fools and Horses 9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys 11.00 Men Behaving Badly 12.20 Inside No 9 1.40 The Life of Rock with Brian Pern 2.55 Limmy's Show 4.00 Home Shopping

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6.00 British and Irish Lions Tour 7.00 Premier League Years 9.00 British and Irish Lions Tour 10.00 Sky Sports Cricket Gold 10.20 Live ICC Women's World Cup. England v Sri Lanka. 6.00 Premier League Legends 6.30 British and Irish Lions Tour 7.30 Premier League Legends 9.00 British and Irish Lions Tour 10.00 Football Gold 10.10 Live MLS, Philadelphia Union v New England Revolution. 12.15 Premier League Years 2.15 Sporting Triumphs 3.00 British and Irish Lions Tour 4.00 Premier League Years

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Dancers on their toes

By Josh Cox

BASINGSTOKE Academy of Dance (BAD) is once again appearing at The Anvil.

The company will be bringing its showcase performance, Moving Experience 2017, to centre stage on Saturday, July 22 at 8pm.

The performing arts students of Basingstoke Academy of Dance will be performing their work alongside special guests, many of whom are alumni from the company now working or continuing full-time training as professionals in the industry.

The academy specialises in three key areas: jazz, ballet and tap. It has a versatile yet talented teaching faculty which carries a high reputation for producing excellent exam results within the Royal Academy of Dance.

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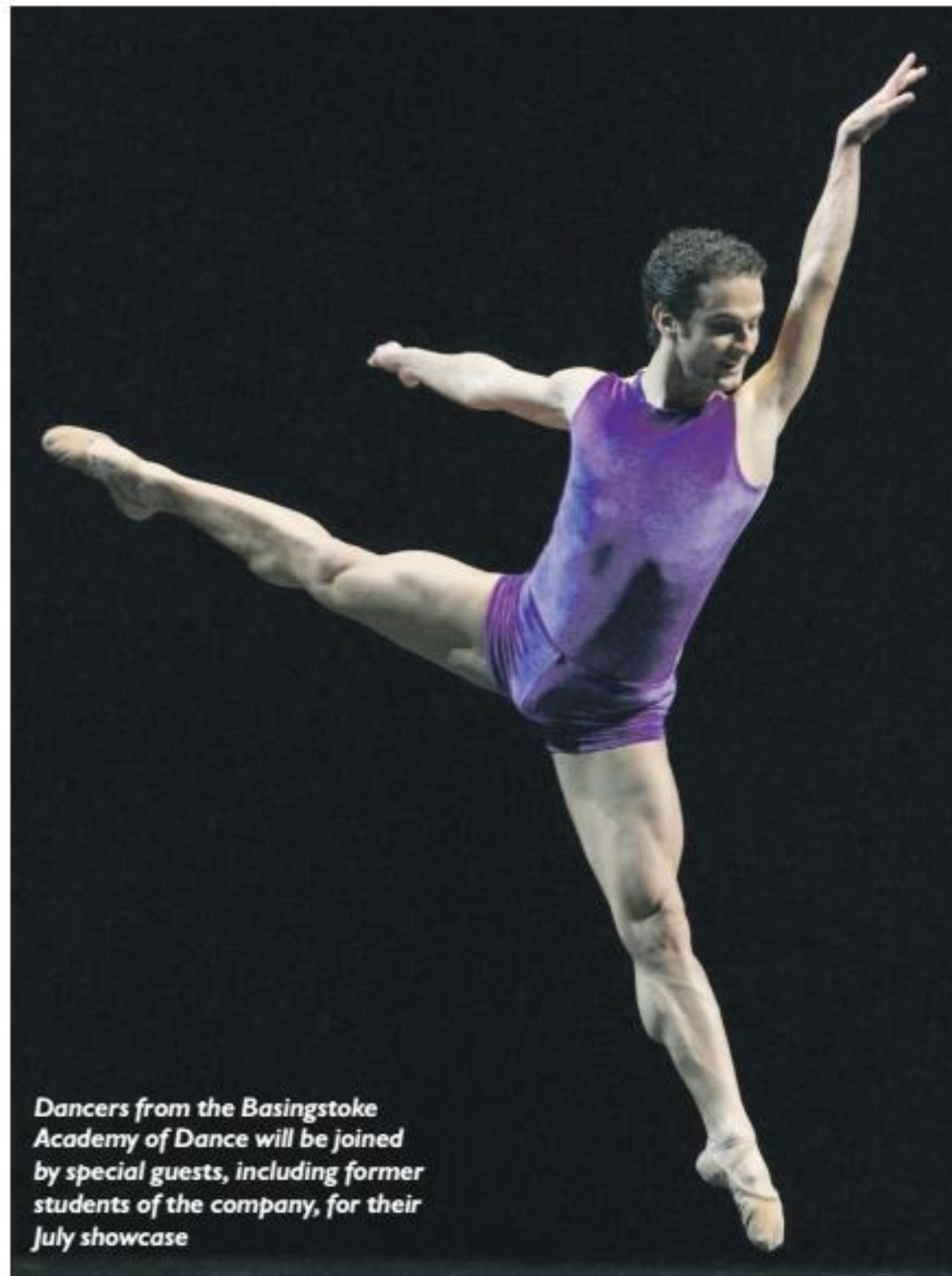
and professional manner. The pupils vary vastly in age and all have the opportunity to perform at shows and in theatres throughout the year.

The academy has grown over the years to now contain three dedicated dance studios with sprung flooring and mirrors.

The dancers will dazzle the audience with their full repertoire of what BAD has to offer, showcasing a multitude of disciplines from a range of performers.

Joining BAD this year will be the newly formed Invictus Gymnastics Club as well as Theatre4Kids, with students from Basingstoke and Epsom too. These groups will be supported by the BAD squads and competition groups.

Full price tickets to this outstanding performance cost £16; concessions, under 16s and full-time student tickets are £8. To book tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244 or by visiting anvilarts.org.uk.



Dancers from the Basingstoke Academy of Dance will be joined by special guests, including former students of the company, for their July showcase

Will always love you

MUSIC: A Whitney Houston Tribute act will be at The Academy in Basingstoke on Saturday.

One of the greatest voices of our time – this tribute act is said to be the closest thing to Whitney Houston you will find in the UK.

Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the night. The performance begins at 7pm, with last entries at 10pm.

Austen with a twist

THEATRE: Proteus Theatre Company, in partnership with Anvil Arts and Central Studio, will present Living Portrait on July 6 at 7:30pm.

This brand new play explores the effect the internet might have on key themes in Jane Austen's writing.

It is taking place at The Haymarket. Tickets cost £10 and there is a discount for concessions and full-time students.

Youthful flourish

MUSIC: The Hampshire County Youth Orchestra will perform a varied programme suitable for the whole family to enjoy at The Anvil this weekend.

Full price tickets cost £12. The performance takes place on Sunday at 4pm.

Wiggling their way into town

By Josh Cox

POPULAR Australian children's band The Wiggles are travelling halfway across the globe to the UK as part of their Big Show world tour.

And on July 30 the entertainers and their Wiggly friends Dorothy the Dinosaur and Wags the Dog arrive at The Anvil.

The Wiggles were formed more than 25 years ago when established musician Anthony Field had the idea to make a children's album.

Although the group has seen a few changes in members over the years, it has always retained the band's leader, Anthony.

Currently accompanying him include Emma Watkins, Lachlan 'Lachy' Gillespie and Simon Pryce, all of whom are seasoned and experienced musicians.

The Wiggles have enjoyed success since they were first established.

Over the years they have released more than 45 studio albums and eight series of television shows, with each

series containing on average 26 episodes.

Dubbed one of the most popular children's bands by critics worldwide, The Wiggles have sold more than 23 million DVDs, eight million books and seven million albums.

At the end of July, they will play everyone's favourite Wiggles songs such as Hot Potato, Rock-a-Bye Your Bear and Do the Propeller!, alongside their Wiggly friends Dorothy the Dinosaur, Wags the Dog, Henry the Octopus and Captain Feathersword.

The show is described as being ideal for children of all ages and has a running time of approximately 75 minutes with no interval.

You can join the band for a magical afternoon of family entertainment on July 30 at 2pm.

Full price tickets are £18.50, including a £2 booking fee; group discounts available.

To book tickets, you can either call the box office on 01256 844244, or visit The Anvil website at anvilarts.org.uk.



Anthony Field and his children's band, The Wiggles, have sold more than 23 million DVDs worldwide

Rockin' night away

MUSIC: Rockin' The Joint will be living up to their name at The Wellington Social Club in Basingstoke on Saturday.

Also joining the band will be DJ Stompin' Steve playing a mix of popular songs and favourite hits.

The gig starts at 7pm and admission is £10 on the door.

All old favourites

MUSIC: Solo artist Chris Baker, a 70s, 80s and 90s covers singer, is performing at The Bolton Arms in Old Basing on Saturday.

Baker is a highly versatile performer, singing everything from swing to ska. His repertoire contains artists such as Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond, David Bowie, Ed Sheeran and Sam Smith.

The show begins at 9pm and carries no entry fee.

One four the record

MUSIC: Popular indie rock band Four The Record will be playing at Sherfield Park Community Centre in Sherfield-on-Loddon on Saturday.

The four-piece band cover classic rock anthems from the 70s to modern day and their sets usually last between an hour. This free gig kicks off 6.30pm.

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IN THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD (I2A)

By Laurie Bailey

SUNAO Katabuchi's wonderful 'In This Corner of the World' explores wartime domestic and family life in Japan, specifically following the period before the atomic bomb of 1945.

Adapted from Fumiyo Kono's manga series of the same name, the story centres on Suzu Urano as she leaves her family in Hiroshima to marry Shusaku Houju, based in the nearby town of Kure. Having only briefly met her husband before marrying him, Suzu nervously adapts to life in a new town with a new family, as the war gradually makes its presence felt.

This scenario enables an anecdotal approach to storytelling - Suzu must learn many things herself, and so the audience learns with her as she experiences formal relationships, family squabbles, male and female societal roles, conscription to military service, food rationing, air raid precautions and wartime tragedy. It makes for a sedate viewing experience that won't thrill every audience - but those with time for detailed domestic dramas will be well rewarded.

Reportedly, much effort was taken to faithfully represent Japanese society

and the atmosphere of these two towns during the period, and discovering new, small corners of life through Suzu's eyes is fascinating - and gently funny in places.

Katabuchi also has an eye for symbolism in apparently ordinary moments, and characters often make incidental comments that offer greater depths out of context. At one point, Suzu's childhood friend Tetsu, whom she secretly admires, mentions that "the past and paths we did not choose are like dreams". For their characters, it is a throw-away thought about an old friendship, but for the audience, a subtle lament over the terrible tragedy of war.

As to be expected, the art direction is sublime. Pastel shades, watercolour painting and traditional Japanese animation combine to create expressive, beautiful scenery, even recalling famed artist Katsushika Hokusai in moments.

In This Corner of the World is a compassionate, thoughtful portrait of wartime devastation in all its forms. It is rare for such a delicate window to be opened onto a lost place and time, and rarer still for one to receive cinematic distribution - crowdfunding played a crucial role in securing the film's development - so don't miss your chance!



Rena Nounen voices Suzu Urano in 'In This Corner of the World', which tells the story of life in Japan in 1945. Picture courtesy of Genco Inc

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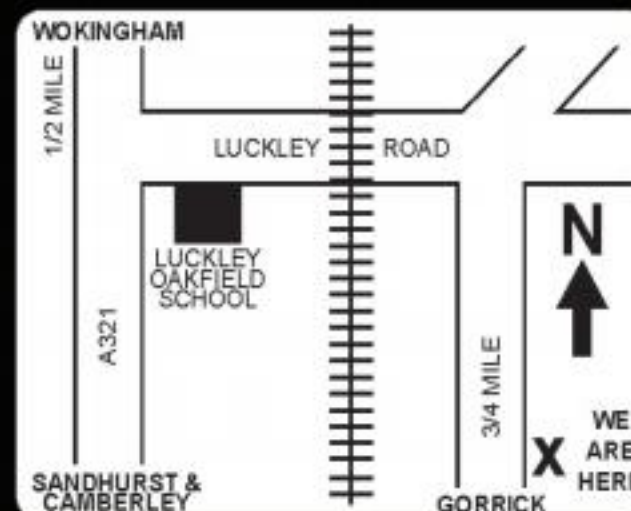
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By Tony Yates

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Basingstoke boss rallies support for new look club

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE Town chairman David Knight has issued a rallying call to the wider town to get involved as the football club officially becomes a community-owned club.

The move to a structure where fans and the local community will be able to have their say in the running of the club was launched at a meeting at the Camrose on Tuesday, but has come amid warnings that the future will not be easy.

Mr Knight said: "It's the right move at this time for the club, it's a big change and we want everyone to buy into it."

"I think it's too early to define exactly how it will be going forward – the strategy of moving to this stage is happening and everything else will follow behind."

"It's an opportunity for everyone in the town to get involved."

Outgoing chairman Rafi Razzak has ended his financial involvement with the club and

has previously said he would like to develop the Camrose to reclaim the money he has invested in the club.

He has stated that the club will have to become self-financing next season and Mr Knight made no secret that the immediate future for the club will be challenging.

The chief executive said next season would be "tough" but added that "a lot of people have said this is the right way forward for the club so everybody needs to get behind it".

Supporters' club chairman Martin French was happy with the move to a community-owned club but agreed that it was going to be tough next season.

He said: "I think it's the only option, the only way forwards as such and it's a good chance for people to get involved now."

"The problem is now we've got financial problems."

"We're now going to have to fund the wages and the overall administration of the club and with it being close season,



Supporters are being urged to rally round Basingstoke Town. Picture by Daniel Murphy

we've got no money coming in other than the academy and the clubhouse so we're quite concerned about the financial position.

"The future is not clear by

any stretch of the imagination and I'm deeply concerned that unless the fans and the community come together, then we could be in serious trouble."

Three members from the

club's interim management group have joined the new board while a further three have been elected to oversee the transition to a community based club.

Sport Bites

Come on back

RUGBY: Basingstoke Rugby Club are encouraging people to either start or return to playing the sport.

As part of the RFU's Return to Rugby initiative, the club are providing specialist coaching from July 11, starting at 7.30pm with Saracens Academy Coach Gareth Hatherley-Hurford.

These sessions will be aimed at introducing or reintroducing people to the sport in a fun and competitive environment, learning skills and drills along the way.

The sessions are set to run until September and are open to anyone aged 18 or over.

If you are interested in this or would like to know more then email chair of playing, David Ashford, on playing@basingstokerfc.com.

Line up decided

CRICKET: Both Basingstoke and Hook Cricket Clubs now know who they'll be playing in the second round of the Southern T20 Cup.

Basingstoke will face Bashley Rydal at May's Bounty while Hook play Totton and Eling.

In the first round, Basingstoke beat Ventnor by 22 runs, while Hook demolished Fair Oak.

The second round ties are due to be played on July 9.

Massive score all in vain

HARTLEY Wintney Cricket Club's second XI scored a mammoth 336 in their game against Amport – but their efforts were washed away as the game was abandoned.

Visitors Amport won the toss and elected to field, however they must have regretted this decision as Hartley opener Rajeev Nair destroyed their bowling, blasting 164 off 106 balls.

Wintney shrugged off the early loss of captain Rex Porter for a duck with the score on 12 as Nair and Darren McBride (71) put on a second wicket partnership of 217.

Further useful contributions from Julian Ford (12) and James Wright (33 not out) saw

Hartley Wintney end on 336 for seven from their 45 overs.

Nair's impressive innings consisted of 18 fours and eight sixes and no Amport bowler conceded less than 51 runs.

In reply, Hartley Wintney made early inroads into the Amport top order, leaving them 12-3 at one stage but resistance came from Martyn Cook who scored 107.

With Amport on 149-5 after 22.4 overs, the rain came down, leaving Hartley frustrated.

The firsts however could only score 100 in their Division 2 match against Langley Manor, and were ultimately beaten by nine wickets as a result. They now sit fourth in the standings.

Bison up for memorial cup

BASINGSTOKE Bison will face Peterborough Phantoms in a pre-season double-header to compete for the inaugural Billy Glover Memorial Trophy.

The first fixture against the Phantoms will be on home ice in Basingstoke on September 2, before the return leg in Peterborough the following day, September 3.

These games are being held in memory of much-loved Peterborough Planet Ice employee, Billy Glover, who died earlier this year.

Mr Glover was a well-known figure and respected Planet Ice employee, also part of the Peterborough hockey set-up, performing many roles over the years.



Billy Glover

Hook retain second place

HOOK and Newnham Basics Cricket Club (HNBCC) thrashed Portsmouth by 10 wickets in their league game at the King George V Playing Fields.

The dominant victory saw Hook retain second place in the Southern Premier League Division One.

Winning the toss and choosing to bat first, visitors Portsmouth struggled to deal with opening bowler Shane Brewer (4-28) who tore right into them and were all out for 65 from 29.3 overs.

Brewer was backed up by Rupert Armstrong (2-18) and Kevin Poulter, who took two wickets for no runs, bowling three maiden overs in a row.

There was one wicket apiece for Ben Thane and Aniket Divecha.

Top-scorer for Portsmouth was number nine batsman Pradeep Bains with 11.

Opening HNBCC batsmen Thane (41) and Josh Buckingham (17) polished off the total in 9.2 overs.

Thane hit seven fours in his innings and was supported by Buckingham with his three fours to leave Hook comfortable victors.

With Basingstoke and North Hants also winning their game by 10 wickets and retaining third in the league, the clash between these local rivals this Saturday at May's Bounty is nicely poised.



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Inside: Basingstoke boss rallies support for new look club | What a wash out for Hartley | Hook's opening bowler makes his mark

Bountyymen breeze to easy victory, thanks to Griffiths

By Matthew Brown

A DEVASTATING spell of fast bowling from David Griffiths helped Basingstoke and North Hants Cricket Club (BNHCC) in their comprehensive 10-wicket victory over Tichbourne Park CC.

The former Hampshire and Kent professional took five wickets for 21 runs as Tichbourne were dismissed for 133 from just 29 overs in their Southern League Division One clash at May's Bounty.

Tichbourne won the toss and elected to bat but were left rueing that decision as Bountyymen player/coach Griffiths quickly ripped into the top order.

Martyn Cheyney was the first victim to fall for a nine-ball duck, quickly followed by Aidan Pond (4) and Henry Don (29), all bowled by a fired-up Griffiths.

This left the visitors in tatters at 34-3 and fellow quick bowler Martyn James made further inroads when he dismissed Pradeeptha Gunartane (1) for lbw.

Tichbourne were in further trouble at 47-5 when William Allam (2) was caught by James off the bowling of Ryan Connor.

A partnership of 47 between visiting captain Thomas Allam (31) and Jack

Skinner (39) gave Tichbourne some stability but Allam was bowled by Connor, leaving them on 94-6.

Skinner decided to hit out with two sixes and four fours but was bowled by Mitch Stokes with the score now 120-7.

The Tichbourne tail added just 13 runs with Stokes dismissing Benjamin Allen (2) and Griffiths polishing off Edward Berry and James Long for further ducks.

Hector Don finished on 11 not out as Tichbourne were all out for 133.

In reply, BNHCC barely broke sweat in their chase with openers Dan Belcher and Max Harsham chasing down the total in 25.4 overs.

Belcher (77) played a sublime innings alongside Hersham (52) as they romped home, blunting the Tichbourne bowlers.

Belcher's innings came off 87 balls and included 14 fours while Harsham hit seven fours in his innings that came from 67 balls.

The victory saw BNHCC remain in third place. On Saturday, they face Hook and Newnham Basics in a derby at May's Bounty.



Big hand all round for the victorious Bountyymen who got off to a storming start courtesy of bowler David Griffiths, left

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